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**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action, extending the period of response through and including April 28, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached herewith for this purpose. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed under the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

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